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16 November 1945

CERTIFICATE

I, GEORGE C. DEMAS, LIEUT., USNR, associated with the United States Chief of Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality, hereby certify that the attached exhibit, consisting of parchment, was delivered by the War Crimes Section, Judge Advocate General, U. S. Army, to me in my above capacity, in the usual course of official business, as an exhibit found in Buchenwald Camp and captured by military forces under the command of the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces.

NAME George C Demas

RANK Lieutenant, USNR

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Mobile Field Interrogation Unit No. 2

PW INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

No 2/20 19 December 1944

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EXTRACT

13. Concentration Camp, BUCHENWALD

Preamble. The author of this account is PW Andreas PFAFFENBERGER, 1 Coy, 9 Landesschuetzen Bn. 43 years old and of limited education, he is a butcher by trade. The substantial agreement of the details of his story with those found in PWIS (H)/LF/736 establishes the validity of his testimony.

PW has not been questioned on statements which, in the light of what is known, are apparently erroneous in certain details, nor has any effort been made to alter the subjective character of PW's account, which he wrote without being told anything of the intelligence already known. Results of interrogation on personalities at BUCHENWALD have already been published (PWIB No 2/12 Item 31).

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In 1939, all prisoners with tattooing on them were ordered to report to the dispensary. No one knew what the purpose was. But after the tattooed prisoners had been examined, the ones with the best and most artistic specimens were kept in the dispensary, and then killed by injections, administered by Karl BEIGS, a criminal prisoner. The corpses were then turned over to the pathological department, where the desired pieces of tattoed skin were detached from the bodies and treated. The finished products were turned over to SS Standartenfuehrer KOCH's wife, who had them fashioned into lampshades and other ornamental household articles. I myself saw such tattoed skins with various designs and legends on them, such as "Hans'l und Gret'l", which one prisoner had had on his knee, and ships from prisoners' chests. This work was done by a prisoner named WERNERBACH.

There I also saw the shrunken heads of two young Poles who had been hanged for having had relations with German girls. The heads were the size of a fist, and the hair and the marks of the rope were still there.

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19 November 1945
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James B. Donovan
Commander, USNR

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A F F I D A V I T

Before me, Sidney N. Schreiber, 2nd Lieutenant AC, being authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared Jack R. Nowitz, 2nd Lieutenant AUS, who, being by me first duly sworn, made and subscribed the following statement:

1. That sometime during the period of April to July 1945, the exhibit attached hereto, labeled "Section of 'Human Skin Lamp Shade," Buchenwald Concentration Camp," was described to me by Raymond M. Givens, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, to have been secured by him as follows:

> That during the investigation and preparation of evidence regarding war crimes committed at the said Buchenwald Concentration Camp, he had acted as Investigator-Examiner assigned to the Judge Advocate Section, War Crimes Branch, Third United States Army;
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> That the above exhibit was secured by him at said camp during the period of the investigation and turned over to the War Crimes Branch of the Judge Advocate Section, Third United States Army, along with the other evidence secured in the case.

2. That the attached exhibit is the one referred to in the above statements made to me.

Jack R. Nowitz

JACK R. NOWITZ,
2nd Lt., AUS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Munich, Germany, on 3 November 1945

Sidney N. Schreiber

SIDNEY N. SCHREIBER,
2nd Lt., AC,
Investigator-Examiner.

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